

Quinte 'QRM'

Newsletter of the Quinte Amateur Radio Club, Inc.
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NOTICE OF MEETING:

DATE / TIME: Monday October 19th, 2026 at 7:00 PM

LOCATION: RCSCC Quinte Sea Cadet Building
16 South Front St, Belleville

PROGRAM: 3D Printer 'Show & Tell' Information Night.

The meeting will also be streamed via ZOOM. The Meeting ID and passcode is always the same, so if you have joined us in the past you should have the info required. An email reminder of the ZOOM information will be sent out the day of the meeting.

VE3QAR Belleville: 146.865 MHz (91.5 Hz/118.8 Hz) AllStar Node 547331	VE3BEL: 444.475 Mhz (118.8 Hz) WIRES-X Node ID: 30589 – Room ID: 40589
VE3TJU Picton (Base31): 146.73 MHz (118.8 Hz) AllStar Node 51001 (Echolink 636917)	VA3PEC Picton (Base31): 443.3 MHz (under construction)
VE3KFR Campbellford: 145.33 MHz/442.9 (162.2 Hz) AllStar Node 42620 (Echolink 238523)	VE3RTR Cobourg (Rice Lake): 145.15 / 444.975 (162.2 Hz) AllStar Nodes 57819 (VHF) / 547735 (UHF)
'County' Breakfast Meetings: Thursdays @ 8:00 AM Bailey's Casual Dining, 314 County Road 10, Picton	Hams 'n Eggs: Saturdays @ 8:00 AM Quinte Restaurant, 135 Cannifton Rd, Belleville
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QARC Members Group: https://qarc.groups.io/g/main - Post to the group: main@qarc.groups.io	

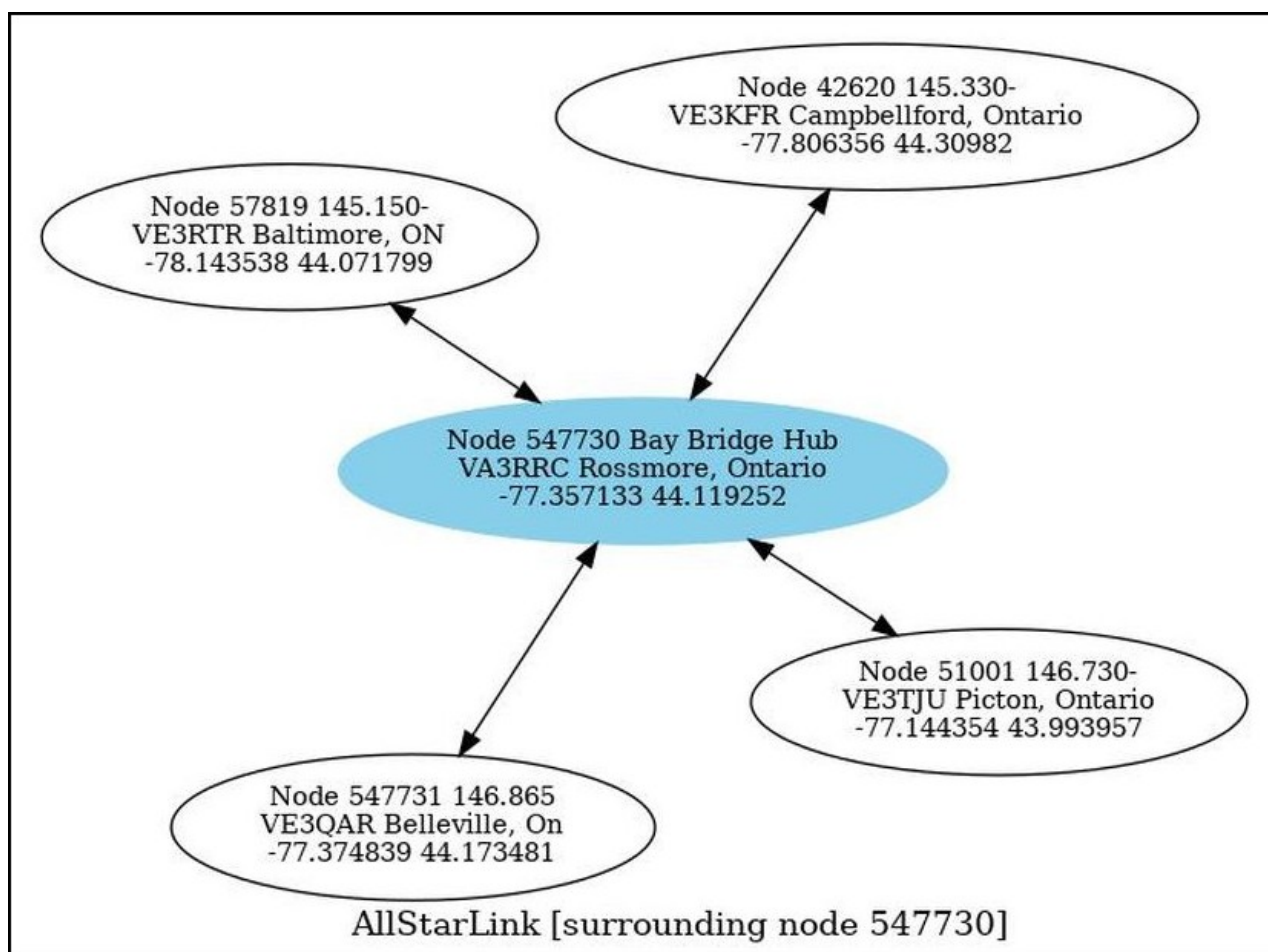
QARC Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1543235506633198>

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VA3RRC AllStar Node #547730

VA3RRC-L Echolink Node #747943

Minutes of QARC Meeting - September 21, 2026

The meeting was brought to order by Club President Dennis VA3DWK

Silent Keys: Al Hill VE3DLG
 Clayton Langevin VE3IVE
 Champ Champagne VE3QQQ

A **motion** to accept the Minutes as published in the newsletter of the last meeting was made by Sean VA3BZC and seconded Bob VA3ACE. The motion was carried.

The Treasurer Matthew VE3FL reported Dues, receipts and reminders will be going out soon, he also stated we have 93 members, the report was read by Matt VE3FL who made a **motion** to accept the Treasurers report and seconded by Dave VE3OX. The motion was carried.

Dave VE3OX mentioned the Sea Cadets Donut fundraiser... Pickup is October 2nd at the Sea Cadet building. Same price as last year. \$15 per dozen.

A quick discussion ensued about conducting some foxhunting in the future and a sign up sheet was passed around to find out interest with 7 people interested. However attendance was low so an email will be sent out to see if there is more interest. More to follow in October.

Tim VE3UO may need some help again for Safe Streets at Halloween. More info in October.

Also Brian VE3HQR will need some help again for the Campbellford Christmas parade on Saturday November 21. More to follow. <https://campbellfordparade.ca/>

A short discussion about forming a radiosport contesting group as proposed by Bob VA3NGE . More discussion to follow.

Topics for future meetings : For October tentatively a presentation on DMR and the journey (or struggle) to get there. Also for November a presentation on 3D printing and how you needed another hobby. Another idea for a future meeting was to have some of our knowledgeable members de-mystify solar and atmospheric conditions and how they affect propagation and what all those solar readings really mean.

Dave VE3OX mentioned the Christmas dinner with the Tractor Club which will happen on Saturday 28 November - more details coming .

Member Jason VE3NYA is moving away to Alberta (VE6-land!) and we all wished him well, we still hoped to hear him on the radio waves in the future. Good luck Jason!

Big thank you to Eric VE3GSI and Marlene VE3HBR for their generous donations to our prize draw.

After a short open discussion the meeting was adjourned about 7:50 pm.

Next meeting will be Monday October 19.

Members in Attendance:

Tim VE3UO	Hans VE3OR	Sean VA3BZC	Bob VA3ACE
Chris VE3CDC	Jim VE3VDQ	Matthew VE3FL	Blair VE3BCA
George VA3XMG	Lee VA3LHM	Dennis VA3DWK	Dave VE3OX
Eric VE3GSI	Marlene VE3HBR	Jason VE3NYA	Bob VE3QWO
Andrew VE3HQU			

<u>Via Zoom:</u>	Al VE3FZ	Cameron VE3GVG
Doug VE3ZDG	Brian VE3HQR	Brad VA3CBU

Minutes taken by: Sean Scally VA3BZC soscally@gmail.com

Radiosport

Below are the significant upcoming contests eligible for club competition in Contest Club Ontario. The full year listing can be found at www.va3cco.com. There is a guide to contesting at www.va3cco.com/beginners.htm

Oct	25-26 0000-2400	CQ WW SSB
Nov	01-03 2100-0300	ARRL Sweepstakes CW
	08-09 0000-2359	WAE DX Rtty
	15-17 2100-0300	ARRL Sweepstakes SSB
	29-30 0000-2400	CQ WW CW

Bob VA3NGE

Upcoming Meeting Agendas

This month's meeting will be a 3D Printer 'Show and Tell' night. While there likely won't be any printers at the meeting, a few of our members will give an idea of what can be done with a 3D printer and there will be some items at the meeting which some of our members have created.

Our **November meeting** will be an introduction to DMR - Digital Mobile Radio. If you have wondered what its all about, don't miss this meeting!

Note: This is opposite to what was announced at last month's meeting, but a couple of the DMR 'gurus' indicated that November was better for their schedules, so we switched the two programs.

Christmas Dinner Gathering will be on Saturday November 28 once again with the Quinte Antique Tractor Club. Contact Dave VE3OX for more information.



Foxhunting Returns !

We will be resurrecting the sport of Fox Hunting (Radio Direction Finding) the Club has scheduled a preliminary Fox Hunt ...

For those who showed an interest at the last meeting and any other club members who want to give it a try we will conduct a fox hunt on Saturday the **24th of October @ 10 AM**. We will meet after breakfast at the West Riverside Park. So dust off your directional antenna and handheld VHF and come on down for a quick briefing.

We will meet here: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/Fq6BLQ2cyPgqHyQu6>

We will keep it relatively simple for the first time:

"Essential gear for hunters includes a directional antenna, a radio receiver, and a functioning brain." No worries we will team up if needed.

We will be using VE3QAR repeater for Talk-in .. 146.865 so please monitor for info on weather cancellations or changes. Also watch your email for updates as well.

The Fox will be transmitting on simplex **146.565** Mhz. Please program your radios ahead of time. (It's time to dust off your operating manual!)

Happy Hunting!

(**Note**: no actual animals are harmed during the hunt, however some Hams may experience head scratching, confusion, signal overload and or frustration of chasing your own tail.)

2026 Hamfests & Fleamarkets

Saturday October 17 -

Kingston Ontario Fall Hamfest - 734 Montreal St, Kingston
https://ontars.com/King%20Fest/king_2026.jpg

Saturday October 31 -

York Region A.R.C. 46th Annual Hamfest, Aurora, ON
<https://yrarc.org/ham-fest/>

For more information on these and other hamfests/fleamarkets, see:
<https://hambone.ca/rac/events/upcoming.php> & <https://www.ontars.com/>



The poster features a background image of the Royal Canadian Legion building. On the left is the Legion crest with the motto 'MEMORIAM FORUM RETINEMUS'. On the right are the Radio Amateurs of Canada logo and the Kingston Amateur Radio Club (KARC) logo. The text is as follows:

Fall HamFest
Presented by:
Kingston Amateur Radio Club
734 Montreal Street, Kingston
Saturday October 17, 2026

Vendors - 07:30- \$10.00 per Table
Public - 08:30- \$5.00 Entrance
Closing - 12:00 This Event - Indoors only

For More Info: Contact Tim (VA3TIC) va3tic@gmail.com

HamFest Call In:
VE3KBR
146.94(-)
151.4

QARC Financial Report

September 1st to September 30th, 2026

Revenue	Balance	Financial Assets	Balance
Membership Dues	\$325.00	BMO Chequing Account	
Donation to Club	\$62.00	Opening Balance – Sep 1, 2026	\$8,812.16
Draw		Credit	\$275.00
Coffee @ meeting		Debit	\$386.22
Sale of Club Equipment		Closing Balance – Aug 31, 2026	\$8,700.94
Field Day			
		Petty Cash	
		Opening Balance – Aug 1, 2026	\$27.00
		Credit	\$112.00
		Debit	\$0.00
		Closing Balance – Aug 31, 2026	\$139.00
Total Revenues	\$387.00	Total Cash Assets	\$8,839.94
Expenses			
Bank Fees	\$1.50	Sept – Account Activity	\$0.78
Incorporation Fees			
Insurance			
QARC Domain Fees		Inventory Assets	
Zoom Annual Fees	\$259.79	Opening Balance	
PO Box Annual Fee		New Acquisition	
Office Expenses		Disposed Assets	
Field Day		Depreciation	
Donation from Club		Total Inventory Assets	\$0.00
Coffee @ meeting	\$124.93		
Total Expenses	\$386.22	Total Equity	\$8,839.94
Net Revenue	\$0.78		

Expenses

Life Members	8
Regular Members	73
Associate Members	3
Family Members	8
TOTAL active Members	92
Paid Members	72
Unpaid Members	4
Total	76

Treasurer report
Prepared by
Matthew Dwight
VE3FL

